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ECONOMY AXE NOW FALLING IN ALBANY

Three Deputy Industrial Commissioners Are Dismissed Under Law.

TEN OTHERS WILL GO

Several Hundred Jobs Will Be Cut Off in Employment Bureaus.

T. V. O'CONNOR RESIGNS

New Tax Commissioners to Drop Large Number of Employees Without Delay.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Albany, April 20.

The big cleanup in the State government began in earnest to-day when Gov. Miller returned to his office from New York and several of the new State officials undertook their commissions of putting real economy into effect.

The real cutting began in five big State bureaus. There are a badly frightened lot of employees to-night in the Industrial Commission's score or more of bureaus and offices, which are being assembled rapidly into one under the new tax commission, which took office to-day, and in the Public Service Commission's offices, where big reductions are expected.

The axe fell first in the Industrial Commission. Henry D. Sayre, the new Commissioner, announced that three deputy commissioners with salaries of \$6,000 each had been dismissed. They are James L. Carmon of Brooklyn, William C. Archer of Mount Vernon and Edward P. Jackson of Buffalo. Their offices are abolished by the provisions of the new law reorganizing the department. The law also abolished the offices of the ten other deputy commissioners, whose salaries were \$1,000 a year, but the incumbents have been retained temporarily as compensation referees.

To Cut Employment Bureaus.

Commissioner Sayre will make his biggest economy drive on the employment bureaus under the commission. There are nineteen of these bureaus of which five are in New York, all overmanned with political sinecure jobs and many overlap the duties of the Federal employment bureaus. Many of the bureaus, perhaps a majority of them, will be abolished, and the rest will continue with forces cut one-half. Several hundred jobs in these bureaus will be lopped off the State's pay rolls. Among the branches of the department which are to be reorganized and reduced are the compensation and mercantile, factory and boiler inspection. The efficiency of the department will not be affected by these changes.

The reduction throughout this big department is made mandatory by legislative enactment, which reduced its appropriation from \$2,500,000 last year to \$1,500,000. The department asked for \$1,000,000 for the coming year.

Gov. Miller announced to-day that T. V. O'Connor, labor leader of Buffalo, had resigned as a member of the Industrial Board under Commissioner Sayre. Mr. O'Connor was appointed to this position two weeks ago. The Governor said Mr. O'Connor had explained his reasons for resigning, but that these would not be given out at this time without the consent of the retiring official. It is understood that Mr. O'Connor is about to accept a Federal position of more importance than the State job. James L. Carmon, one of the deputies whose position was abolished, and who was a candidate against O'Connor for member of the Industrial Board, may be selected.

With the consolidation of the four big tax bureaus now in the offices of the

CANNOT ABROGATE ITS LEASE WITH 'L'

New Transit Commission Not Permitted to Order I. R. T. to Cancel It.

The new Transit Commission will not, and cannot as a matter of law, order the Interborough Rapid Transit Company to cancel its 999 year 7 per cent. lease of the Manhattan Elevated Railroad properties. It is the essence of Gov. Miller's solution of the traction problem here that all the railway properties in the city be stripped of their leases and underlying securities and then turned over to the city on the basis of their physical valuation. He outlined this in his original message to the Legislature, and reiterated it in his letter to Gen. Oliver B. Bridgman.

But no lease may be abrogated in the case of a solvent company except with the consent of both parties to the contract. Where there are receiverships leases may be set aside, as was done in the case of the lease of the Brooklyn City Railroad by the Brooklyn Heights Railroad in Brooklyn. There the guaranteed return was 10 per cent.

While the working out of the Miller plan involves, as has already been stated many times, the eventual cancellation of all the leases, no special plan has been evolved by which the Interborough may be rid of the Manhattan Elevated would consent to such a cancellation. In fact Alfred Skitt, president of that company, in a statement declared his company was not a millstone on the neck of the Interborough, because from 1902 to 1917 it earned a net profit above all interest charges of \$18,704,300. The present deficit was due, he asserted, to the charging against the Manhattan of all the losses on the extensions in Queens and The Bronx, not owned by the Manhattan and not included in the lease.

The erroneous report printed yesterday morning that the Transit Commission, as the result of a talk with the Governor, would "order" an abrogation of the lease, was followed by a slump of eight and a half points in the Manhattan Elevated stock. It closed at 51 on Tuesday night, opened at 48 yesterday and closed at 42½.

The three members of the commission met informally yesterday and later Mr. McNulty went to the offices of the Public Service Commission to discuss with the retiring Commissioners taking over the work. This will not come before next week. William A. Prendergast, returning from Albany yesterday, said the new Public Service Commission would take hold within a few days. He hopes to spend at least half of his time in this city.

Major-Gen. O'Ryan said he would ask for one year's leave of absence from his post as commander of the National Guard in order to perform his duties on the Transit Commission. By that time he hopes the work of the commission will be in such shape that he can tell whether to give up his work on the commission or resign from the National Guard.

LUSK AND MACHOLD TO CONFER APRIL 30

Will Announce Hyman Regime Investigators Afterward.

Senator Clayton R. Lusk, president pro tem. of the State Senate, and Speaker H. E. Machold of the Assembly will confer here on April 30, after which they will announce the personnel of the joint legislative committee to investigate the city government of New York.

"With a thoroughgoing charter revision \$50,000,000 can be saved in the budget each year," said President La Guardia of the Board of Aldermen yesterday. "Any proper revision would consolidate the offices of County Clerk, Register and Commissioner of Records in each county. It should be so fixed that no mandatory legislation could be imposed on this city in the future."

"The power of distributing the money should go with the power of administration. The constitutional limitation of 2 per cent. of the value of the real estate, exclusive of the debt service and direct State tax, should be sufficient to take care of all proper expenditures of the city."

CITY DEBT MARGIN NOW \$161,710,610

Comptroller Craig Issues Statement Showing What Status Was March 1.

Comptroller Charles L. Craig issued yesterday a statement covering the constitutional provisions, legal enactments and court decisions in regard to the city's debt limit, showing that the city had March 1 a clear margin of \$161,710,610.60 for further appropriation. To that, the Comptroller said, may be added before the end of the year the \$30,000,000 now tied up in the construction of municipal piers on Staten Island.

The Comptroller's statement follows in part:

"The debt limit of the city on January 1, 1921, ascertained and determined in accordance with the provisions of the State Constitution and based upon the 1920 assessed valuation of real estate subject to taxation (the assessment then obtaining), was \$23,064,935.48.

"The city's debt limit has since been expanded by the increase in the assessed valuation for the year 1921 on real estate subject to taxation. If the constitutional debt limit is, March 1, 1921, \$194,369,402.63.

"The unreserved clear margin of the city's debt limit available for any municipal purposes which the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may determine is \$161,710,610.60. In other words, the constitutional debt, including power of the city within the debt limit is \$194,369,402.63 as of March 1, 1921, yet there were reservations and commitments consisting of unencumbered balances of appropriations for various purposes aggregating \$32,658,792.03, which, although not a debt, are yet for the purpose of showing to what extent the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may authorize additional expenditures to be incurred—deducted from the city's debt limit, thus giving an unreserved, clear margin of \$161,710,610.60 for further appropriation."

HYLAN FROWNS ON SALARY INCREASES

Mandatory Raise in Pay of Firemen and Policemen Up to Him for Signature.

Although he did not indicate how he would act upon the bill, Mayor Hyman showed yesterday that the action of the policemen and firemen in obtaining from the Legislature a mandatory act increasing their pay \$220 a year was extremely displeasing to him. His displeasure was increased by the fact that the two departments have had increases amounting to \$700 during the Hyman administration, in spite of which the policemen and firemen appealed to Albany without consulting the Mayor or the Board of Estimate in any way.

The Mayor's attitude was revealed at a hearing upon thirty-six of the 114 bills passed by the last session of the Legislature now awaiting his action. Five hundred policemen and firemen appeared, urging the Mayor's signature to the pay increase measure, and they were supported by Senator Martin McCue, Maurice E. Connolly, President of Queens; James P. Holland of the New York State Federation of Labor, Stewart Browne of the United Real Estate Owners Association, and others.

The Mayor asked representatives of the policemen and the firemen why they had gone to Albany for a mandatory increase after they had already got \$700 for the asking from the Board of Estimate. The best the Mayor got in reply was that they had been no intention of embarrassing him.

Where are we going to get the money for this?" the Mayor asked Senator McCue.

"The salary of the Comptroller might be reduced," replied the Senator.

But you voted to increase the Comptroller's salary, didn't you?" continued the Mayor.

Only because the same bill carried an increase for you, Mr. Mayor, and other officials," Senator McCue assured him.

The bill would become effective January 1, 1922.

The Mayor announced his disapproval of an act relating to the commitment, custody and control of wayward minors between the ages of 16 and 21 years. The Mayor said the sponsors of the measure were undoubtedly moved by humanitarian purposes, but that, in his opinion, if the bill became a law there would be grave danger of innocent young men and women getting court records on the flimsiest excuses.

NEWMAN FINED AGAIN.

Price Charge Not Printed on Resold Theatre Tickets.

Leo Newman, who sells theatre tickets at 1482 Broadway, paid a fine of \$75 yesterday in the United States District Court upon pleading guilty to violation of the national theatre ticket law requiring that the price charged above the box office rate be printed on all resold tickets.

According to John E. Joyce, Assistant United States District Attorney, Newman had been fined three times previously and his latest fine brought the total to \$225.

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